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REFS: A. STATE 115221; B. AC/98-DS/88

1. REGARDING THE REQUIREMENT PLACED ON MEMBER NATIONS
IN SECTION V, PARA. 6 OF REFERENCE B, WE BELIEVE THAT
RESOLUTION OF THE LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS
WITHIN THE NATO EUROPEAN AREA ON A PHASED BASIS IS
NEEDED PRIOR TO UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN THIS
PLANNING ACTIVITY.

2. ACCORDINGLY, DS/88 DATED JULY 11, 1973, SHOULD BE
AMENDED TO SHOW THAT THE COMMITTEE NOTED THE STATEMENT
BY THE US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EFFECT THAT:

"IT APPEARS THAT THE COMPLEXITY OF THIS PROBLEM
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AND THE DIVERSE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE VARIOUS

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, CAN BEST BE DEALT WITH, AT LEAST INITIALLY, ON THE BASIS OF PLANS DESIGNED TO MEET CONTINENTAL (EUROPEAN) SECURITY REQUIREMENTS RATHER THAN PROPOSING NOW A NATO-WIDE CENSORSHIP STRUCTURE. WE BELIEVE A PHASED APPROACH WITHIN CONTINENTAL EUROPE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED PRIOR TO ANY COORDINATED PLANNING BETWEEN EUROPEAN AND OTHER NATO AREAS. THIS APPROACH

APPEARS TO BE MORE PRACTICAL THAN ANY ATTEMPT TO COORDINATE ALL PLANS OF NATO NATIONS WITHIN ONE PLANNING STRUCTURE AT THIS TIME. THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH PLANNING FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENSORSHIP OUTLINED IN THE STUDY GROUP REPORTS ARE UNDER REVIEW BY THE US AS PART OF AN EVALUATION OF THIS PROGRAM."

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